



**Portlethen Golf Club
Management Committee
Thursday 21st October 2021**

Minute

Present:, David Fleming (Chair), Hugh Murdoch, Stephen Cook, Scott Sinclair, Gary Pacitti, Paul Singer, Ian Elmslie, Jack Douglas, Raymond Cowan

Apologies: Tom Boyle, Steve Lawrie, Ian Cruickshank

In Attendance: Dino Becci.

A minutes silence was observed before the meeting began in recognition of the recent passing of former Club President Alan Wells.

1. Minutes of previous Meetings

The minute of the meeting held on 16th September was approved by Ian Elmslie and seconded by Gary Pacitti.

2. Matters arising.

Written Roles and Responsibilities: A proposed format for this document had already been distributed and was accepted. Complete document can now be compiled and progress reported on an ongoing basis.

A further document detailing Competition rules and general play conditions had also previously been distributed and was agreed on for issue.

Putting Green Sponsor: A suitable response to letter received per last month's meeting was sent the response to which was regarded as obvious of the fact that any future similar relationship would be untenable. The Club have therefore terminated the agreement and full refund arranged along with a further accompanying letter.

Constitution: Some initial proposed changes have been drafted and will be distributed for comment.

Fog Ruling: Now distributed to membership.

Saturday Tee Time Intervals : Now set at 9 minutes.

Clubhouse Windows : Now cleaned and scheduled to be done every 6 weeks.

Out of Bounds post at 13/ Blue yardage markers : Now cleared and reinstated.

6th Tee Buggy access restriction : Carried over to next meeting

3. Finance & Admin

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

No comments or questions.

A very brief overview of an initial draft budget was distributed.

Winter programme of work was questioned by Jack who would discuss the proposed improvements to 11th tee with Course Manager and Greens Convenor.

Accurate costings for eco-bunker option that has been explored also require to be followed up.

The shoe cleaner has now failed entirely and was condemned as beyond economical repair during a recent service visit. A replacement unit has now been ordered at a cost of £3,500.

4. Match and Handicap

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

Possibly an error in hindsight in splitting the 2020 and 2021 prizegiving but decision was made to proceed as planned.

At the recent Deeside league AGM a proposal to open the event to ladies was agreed. It was further agreed that ladies would play from same tees as gents and a maximum handicap of 20 would be applied. Places would be offered to Portlethen Ladies.

We have been approached from the organisers of the annual Northern Counties event to be included in their invitee list for future events. Agreed.

A proposal from the Ladies Captain to reduce the number of tee times allocated to their section on alternative Saturdays ie no- Winter League days and allocate some additional times after the gents last time of the day in order to free up additional morning times was agreed to.

It was proposed that handicap allowances for Winter Golf be set at 85% regardless of tees/course in use. Agreed.

Preferred lies to be extended to all General area ie "through the green" from 1st November.

It was advised that, mainly in order to speed up play in failing light, the Texas Scramble Open on Sunday 24th October will be played off White Tees with 17th hole being played from yellow tee box.

We have been asked by the PGA to Host the 2022 Northern Open on May 30th / 31st and June 1st. Agreed.

We have been asked by Scottish Golf to host The Scottish Boys Under 16's Open championship from 10th to 13th July 2023. Agreed.

We have been asked by the Aberdeen Pennant League to host one of the 2022 semi-finals on Sunday 7th August. 5 tee times from noon plus adequate buffer times. Agreed.

5. House

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

Christmas Party nights now scheduled for 10th and 11th of December as well as a Hogmanay party/

6. Greens

No report this month and apologies received from Greens Convenor.

11th tee proposal discussed under Finance and Admin.

Proposal to review Winter greens positioning was agreed to and to be actioned in consultation with Greens Convenor.

7. Other Business

Environmental Health: Following complaints submitted to Aberdeenshire Council by residents in the development adjacent to the 4th regarding golf balls damaging their property we received a visit from a Council representative who undertook a review of the area.

His findings were that he was completely satisfied that the Club had done absolutely everything possible to mitigate any potential issues and could suggest no additional measures necessary.

He would report this back to the complainant.

Team Photos – Arrangements for Pennant winning Gents and Junior team photo to be agreed by Stephen, Scott and Ian Elmslie.

Next meeting Monday 29th November 2021 at 6.30pm